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\$1.50 A YEAR.

## BODIES OF NEGROES BURNED BY TEXANS

**Mob Takes Dead Man and His  
Wounded Brother From  
Officers.**

### BLAZE KINDLED IN PARK.

**Thousands Gathered in Public Place  
to Witness Burning at the  
Stake.**

Sulphur Springs, Texas, Aug. 29.—In a fight with an armed posse near here late today, Joe Richmond was shot and killed, and his brother, King Richmond, both negroes, was seriously wounded, later the body of the dead negro was burned at the stake with his wounded brother in Buford Park, in Sulphur Springs.

The negroes early today had shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Nathan A. Flippen and probably fatally wounded Sheriff J. B. Butler.

When the posse arrived here with the negroes a large crowd had gathered and demonstrated the burning to be staged in the public square. Several influential men counselled that the bodies be not burned, saying there was nothing to be gained, since one negro was already dead and the other probably fatally wounded. Finally, however, the mob removed the dead and wounded negroes to Buford Park, in the outskirts of the city, where they were burned. There was little disorder and as soon as the bodies had been burned the crowd quietly dispersed.

The sheriff and his deputy had started to arrest King Richmond on a minor charge at a negro settlement south of here. Both negroes, without warning, opened fire, killing Flippen instantly and wounding Butler. The negroes beat Butler over the head and he is said to be in a precarious condition.

Within a short time hundreds of armed men were searching for the negroes. They were located in a wood in the afternoon and in the battle that ensued Joe Richmond was killed and his brother wounded.

Peace officers, who joined in the search, were far in the minority in the posse and unable to cope with the mob spirit.

It is estimated 1,500 men and boys trailed the negroes to their hiding place in the woods. The negroes, brought to bay, fired several shots, but their fighting was of short duration, as the posse fired hundreds of shots into the covert.

It was learned tonight that Sheriff Butler wounded one of the negroes at the time he and the deputy sought to arrest them at the settlement.

Six thousand people had gathered in the public square here when the posse arrived with the dead and wounded negroes. Pleas of cooler heads were unavailing and the mob carried out its work in Buford Park with little ceremony.

Sheriff Butler's wounds consist of a broken arm, a shot through the top of his head and three fractures of the skull.

### MILLIONS WORTH OF TOYS IN GERMANY MAY BE LOST

Berlin, via London, Aug. 28.—American business men in Germany are taking the gloomiest view of the fate of great quantities of goods ordered in Germany for the American Christmas trade. They say that the loss of these goods will amount to millions.

Orders totalling \$50,000,000 for such wares as toys, Bohemian glassware, bronzes, Christmas cards and optical specialties had been placed for summer delivery, it is stated, this being the usual practice in order to give American wholesale dealers an opportunity to place the goods. The articles are all of a seasonal value and become virtually valueless unless delivered immediately. However, the British order-in-council, although not effective when the orders for the goods were placed, prevents such a delivery.

The order-in-council also is playing havoc with golf supplies. Golf balls and clubs are being exhausted rapidly and ardent golfers are objecting to England and planning an appeal to their fellow enthusiasts in America.

### FOR R. F. D. SERVICE.

**Burleson Will Ask for Big Appropriation.**

Washington, Aug. 29.—Postmaster General Burleson announced tonight that he would ask the next Congress for \$49,000,000 to provide rural delivery service during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1916. The last appropriation was \$53,000,000 and the department plans to save the \$4,000,000 without reducing efficiency.

One million dollars of the amount to be asked for will be expended on new routes and improvements.

Mr. Burleson said plans were already under way to provide a more modern and larger service during the fiscal year 1917 without increasing the 1916 appropriation.

### AMERICAN BOAT HAS BEEN RAISED.

**The Submarine F-4, Sunk March 26,  
is Towed Into Honolulu  
Harbor.**

Honolulu, Aug. 29.—The U. S. S. submarine F-4, submerged outside the harbor here since March 26 last, was refloated late tonight and towed to the quarantine station in Honolulu bay.

The submarine F-4 commanded by Lieutenant Alfred L. Ede and with a crew of 21 men, went to the bottom of the harbor of Honolulu March 26, 1915, during maneuvers of the "F" squadron. She was located two days later and Diver John Agras of the navy, descended 215 feet, establishing a new world's record, in an effort to facilitate the work of bringing her to the surface. Her crew, it was said, might have been alive at this time, but attempts at rescue failed and on March 30 Rear Admiral C. T. Moore, commanding the Honolulu naval station, reported that the F-4 lay in 270 feet of water and would have to be raised by pontoons.

Secretary Daniels announced that the boat would be raised at any cost to determine the cause of the accident and diving apparatus and divers were sent out, leaving San Francisco April 6 on the cruiser Maryland. One of the divers, Frank Crilly, went down 228 feet and found one of the compartments of the F-4 filled with water. Another, William Loughman, descended 229 feet the next day, and was seriously injured by water pressure.

These men put lines on the F-4 by which the boat was dragged slowly up the shelving bottom, but in the process the stern was wrecked and broken and the work halted to await the arrival of pontoons. Six of these, capable of lifting 60 tons each were sent from Mare Island navy yard early in August on the Maryland.

At the time of the accident, reports gained circulation that the F-4 was not in good shape when she went below water. These were officially denied.

### OFFICER ON SAD MISSION.

**Taking Bodies of Wife and Children  
to Grave.**

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—Brig. Gen. John G. Pershing, U. S. A., left late today for Cheyenne, Wyo., whither he is taking the bodies of his wife and three baby girls for burial. With him is his five-year-old son, Warren, who survived the fire in the frame quarters at the Presidio, in which Mrs. Pershing and the little girls lost their lives last Friday.

United States Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, and Mrs. Warren, parents of Mrs. Pershing, were in the party.

General Pershing arrived from Fort Bliss today. He was met by a group of old friends, who accompanied him to the Letterman Hospital, on the military reservation, where the general gathered into his arms his little son, the only one left of the family he had planned to take to Fort Bliss this week.

The bodies were escorted to the train by twenty-four sergeants from the troops stationed at the Presidio and by city and army officials.

### Writer of Hymns Ill.

Bennington, Vt., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, a writer of hymns, was reported tonight to be seriously ill at her home here. Many of her hymns have been sung all over the world. One of the best known is "I Need Thee Every Hour."

## JOINT CONFERENCE FOR CAPITAL CITY

**Charities and Corrections and  
Common Good Meeting  
September 7-9.**

### CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED.

**Many Prominent South Carolinians  
Will Address the Joint  
Gathering.**

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Aug. 30.—An unusual amount of interest is developing in the meetings of the South Carolina Conference of Charities and Corrections and the Conference for the Common Good, which will be held in Columbia, beginning on the evening of September 7 and lasting through the evening of September 9. The meetings of the two conferences will open the autumn convention season in Columbia.

The two conferences will hold combined meetings on the evenings of September 7, 8 and 9, and will assemble in separate sections on the mornings of September 8 and 9.

A feature of the meetings of the Conference for the Common Good and the South Carolina Conference of Charities and Corrections in Columbia will be the arrangements for visits to the state, county and municipal penal, charitable and correctional institutions in Richland county. It is expected that the people who attend the conferences will derive much benefit from inspecting these institutions. Visits on the afternoons of September 8 and 9 will be arranged to the Columbia jail, the Richland jail, the Richland chain-gang camps, the state penitentiary, the State Hospital for the Insane, the State Tuberculosis Hospital and probably the state reformatory for negro boys.

The officers of the South Carolina Conference of Charities and Corrections and the Conference for the Common Good extend an invitation to all South Carolinians to attend the meetings of the organizations in Columbia in September which have been in active existence for a number of years.

### CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED.

The big problem of caring adequately for feeble-minded persons will be treated at the meeting of the conferences on the evening of September 9 by Alexander Johnson, field secretary of the committee on provisions for feeble-minded. Mr. Johnson's lecture will be illustrated.

A partial list of South Carolinians who will deliver addresses or prepare papers for the sessions of the conferences follow, together with the subjects they will treat:

David R. Coker, Hartsville, "The Selection and Handling of Seeds for Planting;" E. J. Watson, Columbia, "An Interpretation of the Present Economic Revolution in Relation to the Common Good;" Judge R. Withers Memminger, Charleston, "Needed Changes in Criminal Procedure in South Carolina;" James H. Fowles, Columbia, "Minor Courts and Crime Prevention;" Miss Sara M. F. Babb, Greenville, "The Need in South Carolina for a Reformatory for White Girls;" Ira B. Dunlap, "Rock Hill's Curb Market;" W. W. Long, "The New Live Stock Marketing System;" William Weston, M. D., Columbia, "What the Clinic for Children May Do for South Carolina;" W. H. Hand, Columbia, "The Backward Pupil from the Standpoint of the Teacher;" R. B. Scarborough, Conway, "The Policy of the Board of Regents in Regard to Pay Patients at the State Hospital for the Insane," and Dr. George B. Cromer, Newberry.

### Cotton Importing Company With \$1,000,000 at Bremen.

London, Aug. 28.—A cotton importation company with a capital of \$1,000,000 has been founded in Bremen, according to Tuesday's issue of The Frankfurter Zeitung. The business of this new company, it is stated, will be to obtain buying orders from Germany and Austrian spinners so as to make offers to American exporters. The paper says the capital for the company is guaranteed by the Disconto Gesellschaft and other leading banks.

## EX-SENATOR ROOT DENOUNCES BOSSES

**Says New York Has Had "In-  
visible Government" For  
40 Years.**

### URGES SHORT BALLOT.

**Names Are Called, Although They  
Are Those of Leaders of  
Generation Past.**

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Addressing the Constitution Convention today Elihu Root condemned the system of "bossism" and "invisible government" which he said to his knowledge has dominated New York for 40 years, and pleaded that the people be armed with the short ballot to establish their own rule.

"This domination," Mr. Root said, "has caused a deep and sullen and long continued resentment among the people at being governed by men not of their choosing. They demand a change. The short ballot plan is a solution or at least, it may be the first step that will work out a solution."

"When I go back home, as I am about to go, to spend my declining years, I mean to go with the feeling that I can say I have not failed to speak and to act in accordance with the lessons that I learned there from the God of my fathers."

The short ballot has been opposed by members of the "old guard." Among those who have supported it are Mr. Root, George E. Wickersham, Henry L. Stimson and Frederick C. Lanner, the Republican state chairman.

After discussing the proposal specifically, Mr. Root said:

"We talk about the government of the constitution. What is the government of this state? What has it been during the 40 years of my acquaintance with it? The government of the constitution? Oh; not half the time, or half-way."

"From the days of Fenton and Conklin and Arthur and Cornell and Platt, from the days of David B. Hill, down to the present time, the government of the state has presented two different lines of activity, one of the constitutional and statutory offices of the state, and the other of the party leaders—they call them party bosses."

"They are called the system—the 'invisible government.' For I don't remember how many years. Mr. Conklin was the supreme ruler in this state; the governor did not count, legislatures did not count. And in a great outburst of public rage he was pulled down."

"Then Mr. Platt ruled the state for high upon 20 years. And the capital was not here; it was at 49 Broadway; with Mr. Platt and his lieutenants."

"And there is today throughout this state a deep and sullen resentment at being governed thus by men not of the people's choosing."

"I don't criticize the men of the invisible government. How can I? I have known them all, and among them have been some of my dearest friends. But it is all wrong that a government not authorized by the people should be continued superior to the government that is authorized by the people."

"Both parties are alike. All parties are alike. The system extends through all."

The short ballot and general civil department reorganization proposal would strike from the elective list the offices of secretary of state, state treasurer and engineer surveyor. Department heads appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate would assume the duties now borne by these offices.

All state departments and bureaus of which there are now 158, would be grouped under 15 heads, which would be made constitutional offices.

Only two departments, the attorney general and the comptroller, would be elective.

### To Teach Policemen.

Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 30.—Policemen of Berkeley are requested to attend the University of California, it was announced today. The course of study is the relation of mental disease to criminology.

### GOLD FOR NEW YORK.

**Shipment Sent by British Govern-  
ment.**

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 28.—A treasure train containing millions of dollars in gold and securities, shipped from London by way of Halifax, N. S., passed through New England on its way to New York. In the six steel express cars containing the second of a series of gold shipments designed to strengthen British credit in the United States, 38 armed guards kept watch, while a pilot train was sent in front to make sure that the roadbed was safe.

The train entered the United States through Vanceboro, Maine, and sped across New England to New York by way of Albany. It was expected to arrive in New York early Sunday morning.

## WILSON WAITING AT WASHINGTON

**To Take No Action in Arabic Case  
Pending Imperial Government's  
Disavowal.**

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson announced today he would remain in Washington until the situation between the United States and Germany is cleared. Officials had been urging him to go to New Hampshire for a rest.

The President had planned to spend the entire month of September at Cornish, but today it was said to be unlikely that he would return there at all this year.

The President, it was said authoritatively, has been led by the statements of Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, to Secretary Lansing and reports received from American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to hope that a solution for the submarine controversy with Germany will be found. He is waiting, however, for the imperial government's formal disavowal of the attack on the Arabic and assurance that the lives of Americans travelling on unarmed merchantmen will not be endangered again.

Count Bernstorff left today for the summer embassy on Long Island. He still was confident that within a short time a formal communication reaching the state department from the Berlin foreign office would clear up matters in a satisfactory way.

### KERSHAW COUNTY TRAGEDY.

**Rain Prevents Dogs From Taking  
the Trail.**

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Aug. 30.—The Caughman brothers were called to Blaney, in Kershaw county, last night with their bloodhounds to try and run down the party or parties who early in the night assassinated Hattie Smith, a negro woman, while she was sitting at the window of a house with several other women, who were singing. The guilty party emptied a load of shot into the woman's head, blowing off the top of her head and causing instant death. On account of the sudden downpour of rain the bloodhounds were unable to strike a trail and they were brought back to Columbia early this morning.

Hattie Smith was the wife of Jule Smith of Fairfield county, who was shot to death in the Winstonsboro tragedy in June, which resulted in the death of Sheriff Hood, Deputy Sheriff Boulware and Clyde Isenhower.

First reports of the trouble were exaggerated, and it appears from all information that the shooting was the result of a quarrel among negroes. The stepfather of the dead woman is said to have been angered because she had left home. It is claimed he was seen near the scene of the tragedy shortly before the shooting.

**Wilson is Grateful for the Compliments.**

Boston, Mass., Aug. 27.—A message from President Wilson in reply to a telegram sent him Tuesday was read when the conference reassembled. Addressing Governor Walsh the President said:

"I deeply appreciate and am greatly heartened by the generous resolution of confidence and support passed by the governors in conference and beg that you will convey to them my heartiest thanks and my cordial wishes for a successful and profitable conference. I wish that I could bring the greeting in person."

## RUSSIANS SOON WILL BE EXPULSED FROM GALICIA

**Austro-Germans Have Broken  
Enemy's Line Along Zlota  
Lipa River.**

### THE LIMITS OF PURSUIT.

**Will be Kept Up as Long as the Re-  
turns Are Satisfactory, Meantime  
Selecting Permanent Line**

Berling, via London, Aug. 29.—The Austro-German troops have broken the Russian lines along the Zlota Lipa river in East Galicia, resuming activity on a section of the front where for a long time both sides have been merely holding their positions. The Russian extreme left, hitherto unaffected by the general defeat, now apparently is shaken. Military experts here believe the Russians soon will be expelled from their remaining little corner of Galicia. This development, together with a sharp advance by the Austrians northeast of Kovel is believed here to indicate the opening of a campaign against the fortress triangle formed by the strongholds of Lutsk, Dubno and Rovno, erected as a bar to access to Southern Russia.

The Russian armies retreating north and south of Brest-Litovsk are separated by the Rotkino swamps and military men here say the Austro-Germans are in position to mass forces and expose it to a crushing defeat. Dispatches today say the Russian resistance behind Brest-Litovsk has been broken and that the Teutonic pursuit is being pressed with all energy. Samary, where German cavalry yesterday defeated a Russian cavalry division is 40 miles east of Brest-Litovsk.

Naturally there has been much speculation here concerning the limits to which the pursuit of the Russians will be pressed. Some assumed the advance would not be continued much beyond Brest-Litovsk, but the impression now is general that it will proceed so long as it gives paying returns. Meanwhile a permanent line of defense will be selected and fortified as a barrier against a new Russian offensive, it is stated.

### SELECTION OF MR. POLK IS FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

Washington, Aug. 28.—The selection of Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel of New York city, to be counsellor of the state department, was formally announced tonight by Secretary Lansing. The President has tendered the position to Mr. Polk who has accepted.

Mr. Polk will succeed Mr. Lansing, who became secretary on the resignation of William Jennings Bryan last June. The counsellor's office has been vacant since Mr. Lansing took his place in the cabinet.

While John Bassett Moore was counsellor, he acted for the secretary in all matters in the latter's absence from Washington and the rule continued in effect while Mr. Lansing held the post. Diplomatic callers were referred to the counsellor and when matters of pressing importance were pending, such as the correspondence with Germany over the Lusitania case, the counsellor was called into conference at cabinet meetings. While it has not been definitely decided, it is virtually certain that the rule will continue in effect after Mr. Polk takes office.

### Officer Duncan Seriously Cut, Bill Bolin Will Die.

Gaffney Special to Charlotte Observer, Aug. 29.—Bill Bolin of Blacksburg is lying at the point of death and Chief of Police Coke Duncan is seriously cut as the result of a fight between the two men at Blacksburg this morning at 6:30 o'clock. People who live close to the Bolins telephoned Chief Duncan this morning that there was disorder at Bolin's and he came and arrested the man. The disorder continuing he came back and Bolin cursed him when he attempted to make the arrest. Bolin commenced to cut and he chief to shooting. Bolin is shot in four places and cannot recover. It took 60 stitches for Duncan's wounds. Duncan will recover.